(e) by when, the work on the project will commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Iran has sent a preliminary proposal to supply natural gas to India through pipeline. An Indo-Iran Joint Committee on supply of gas to India, consisting of representatives of the Government of Iran and India has been constituted to examine all aspects of the Indo-Iran natural gas pipeline namely, the technical, economic and political aspects of various options of gas imports from Iran including onland off-shore and LNG options.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The proposal is at a preliminary stage.

Gas Flaring in Gujarat

291. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different stations within Ankleshwar Area in Gujarat where gas is being flared;

(b) the quantity of gas flared;

(c) the loss of revenue to ONGC/GAIL and Government;

(d) whether GAIL and ONGC have refused to market the flared gas and the reasons for the refusal;

(e) whether the gas can be supplied to the consumer on "As is where is basis" so that they shall find a remedy as to how make use of the same; and

(f) if so, the alternatives as Government consider fit to find remedies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH

GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The details are given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below)

(c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has estimated the average value of gas flared in Ankleshwar area in Gujarat, during April-June, 2001 to be about Rs. 20.96 lakh per day (provisional).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) ONGC has been empowered by the Government to market gas upto one lakh cubic metre per day from isolated/marginal fields in Gujarat. They have already started supplying low pressure gas to few consumers in Ankleshwar area under direct market scheme on "as is where is" basis.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Field wise natural gas production, utilization and flaring in Ankleshwar area. (Million Standard Cubic Metre per day)

SI. No.	Field	Production	Utilization (Sale and Internal use)	Flaring	Percentage of Utilization
1.	Ankleshwar	0.087+0.387 0.300*	0.293	0.094	75.71
2.	Mot wan+Sisodara + Kudara	0.054	0.046	0.008	85.19
3.	Andada	0.0002	0.0002	0.000	100.00
4.	Kosamba	0.005	0.004	0.002	80.00
5.	Kim	0.013	—	0.013	0.00
6.	Olpad	0.005	0.005	0.000	100.00
7.	Gandhar+Dahej	5.161	4.413	0.748	85.50
8.	Nada	0.045	0.039	0.006	86.67
9.	Palej	0.001	0.001	0.006	100.00
10.	Dabka + Jambusar	0.071	0.066	0.005	92.96
11.	Gajera+Kural + N.Sarbhan	0.068	0.068	0.000	100.00

* Gas transferred from Hazira to Ankleshwar.